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FOR HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HENRY A. KISSINGER)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO EAST ASIA

1. I ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBILITY OF REPEATING 1973 PROCEDURE OF HAVING SECRETARY VISIT SEOUL AFTER PEKING TRIP AND THAT EVEN BRIEF STOPOVER DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE. WHILE WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD OFFICIALLY FROM KOREANS, PAST TRACK RECORD INDICATES THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE DISAPPOINTED AND PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO DUAL STOPOVER IN TOKYO.

2. AS FAR MORE PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE TO BRIEF STOP BY THE SECRETARY HERE, I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU MAKE QUICK VISIT, EVEN FOR A FEW HOURS, FOLLOWING VISIT TO PRC. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, ONE ALTERNATIVE IS FOR ME TO BE BRIEFED IN TOKYO ON ANY DISCUSSIONS RE KOREA OR OTHER ASPECTS OF PRC VISIT WHICH WE DESIRE TO TRANSMIT TO PRESIDENT PARK. I REALIZE THAT TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY WILL PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER SUBSTANCE, BUT, FROM VIEWPOINT OF KOREAN LEADERS, PERSONAL BRIEFING WILL HAVE SYMBOLIC IMPACT -- EVEN THOUGH OBVIOUSLY SECOND BEST TO YOUR COMING HERE.

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